WHEREAS, Arbor Day has become a National and State symbol of faith and hope in the future as the United States moves into its Third Century; and,

WHEREAS, Trees and forests provide benefits to all South Dakotans, including those of the forest-related industries of the Black Hills, the shelterbelts and windbreaks on our plains, and the urban forests of our cities and towns; and,

WHEREAS, These resources can only be maintained through an active program of shelterbelt replacement and renovation, urban tree care and maintenance and sound forest management:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 1977, as

SOUTH DAKOTA ARBOR DAY

and urge all South Dakotans to recognize and appreciate the importance of trees and forests to South Dakota and the Nation, to enthusiastically manage our existing resources for a sustained yield of all benefits, and on this day plant a tree for South Dakota's future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 29th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE